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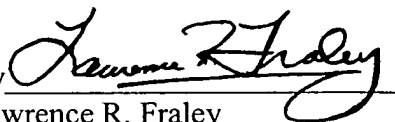
New independent claim 76 includes the limitations of previous independent claim 1 and dependent claim 2, subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner in the office action. Dependent claims 77 – 80, previously dependent claims 3 – 7 and dependent directly or indirectly from cancelled claim 1, now depend from new claim 76. New independent claim 81 includes the limitations of previous independent claim 1 and dependent claim 7, subject matter also deemed allowable by the Examiner in the office action. New independent claim 82 includes the limitations of previous independent claim 1 and dependent claim 8, subject matter further deemed allowable by the Examiner in the office action.

All of the claims now presented include subject matter held allowable by the Examiner if presented in the form now presented. Allowance is urged. These claims are also fully patentable over **Mayer** (5,264,108), and the rejection under 35 USC 102(b) is overcome. Withdrawal thereof is urged.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner believe that minor changes are needed which, if made, will result in allowance of the Application and that such changes can be readily discussed in a phone conversation, the Examiner is cordially requested to phone the undersigned, collect, at the number provide below, for this purpose.

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